

Town of LaPointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2014 Budget Workshop

Monday, October 14th, 2013
5:00 pm at the Town Hall

Approved Minutes (10-22-13)

Present: Jim Patterson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Absent: Greg Nelson, Nick Nelson

Staff Present: Pete Clark, Mike Anderson, Cindy Dalzell, Rick Reichkitzer

Public Present: Dave Thomas

1. Call to Order at 5:04pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Law Enforcement

Presented by Chief Mike Anderson. 2013 will finish on budget. May spend more than anticipated on training, retirement, and unemployment than budgeted. The department is well under budget on wages and worker's comp.

Changes for 2014 are wages will be going down because of Chief Anderson's retirement and Employee Insurance costs will go up due to officer adding family insurance. Overall 2014 Budget will go up about one percent.

B. Ambulance

Presented by Cindy Dalzell. Wages will come in under budget for 2013 because training in EMT's were not licensed until later in the year. Changes for next year will include three teams of four which will give EMTs more time off duty. It will be a trial to see how it goes. This will reflect changes in wages. Other changes may occur in 2014 because of the changes happening at MMC in Ashland. There may be more ambulance transports to Duluth. Ambulance designated funds will go to training and increasing the New Ambulance fund.

C. Fire Department

Presented by Chief Rick Reichkitzer. Changes include lower wages but increase in funds for the Length of Service Retirement program, establishing a new dry hydrant, and redoing the EMS building roof (which may be split up between Fire, Ambulance, and Law Enforcement). There is also a new designated fund for SCBA (new oxygen tanks), and a request for increases in wages for Chief, and mechanic.

3. Adjourn at 6:30pm

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk. 10-17-13

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